Orchard and the Horticultural Farm. The Central Fruit Nursery in the Lal-Bagh was formed and laid out during the year. The tropical and sub-tropical fruit plants were well maintained and a number of them are reported to be bearing fruits now.

Among the several important plants dealt with in the Nursery, twenty-four cuttings of different varieties of Mulberry were obtained from the Sericultural Department, and planted. The Director is requested to bestow special attention to the improvement of the Mulberry plant. This work may be conducted in close consultation with the Sericultural Department, as it has to be co-ordinated closely with the rearing of silk worms. Large stocks of vegetable and fodder seeds were collected and sold during the year; spraying operations were pushed through on a large scale and the use of sprayers were popularised.

3. *Maintenance and Improvement of Gardens.*—The seasonal conditions were generally unfavourable for garden operations; but the gardens were nevertheless kept in good condition. The Lal-Bagh continued to be a popular pleasure resort. In the Cubbon Park, a marble statue of His Highness the late Sri Chamarajendra Wodiyar, was erected in a central place and several improvements were effected to make the several minor gardens more attractive. The nursery maintained by the Department at Daria Doulat Bagh in Seringapatam was financed by the Mysore District Board; it supplied nearly 5,000 plants for planting avenues and topes in the Mysore District.

4. *Economic Development Works.*—Among the economic activities of the Department, special mention may be made of the successful demonstration in the preservation of limes, grapes, pine-apples and mangoes. Some attention was also paid to Poultry Farming.

5. *Miscellaneous Items—Horticultural School, etc.*—There were two batches consisting of 16 students undergoing training in the Horticultural School. Of these, eight were scholarship holders, four being financed by the District Boards of Bangalore, Hassan and Chitaldrug. Beyond the construction of cisterns for storing water, nothing important was done in connection with Fruit Nursery. The economic plants raised in the Nurseries attached to the Waste Land Trial Plantations were mostly planted and are reported to be coming up well. Large quantities of *Dawana* seeds were distributed for cultivation in the State through District Economic Superintendents.

6. *Horticultural Farm, Bangalore.*—The seasonal conditions were unfavourable for the cultivation of Horticultural crops, the total rainfall being nearly 7·40 inches short of the average. The working of the Farm resulted in a profit of Rs. 2,747 as the result of careful cultivation and improvements.

7. *Hill Station.*—The Nandi Hill Station continued to grow in popularity and the number of visitors during 1927-28 constituted a record as will appear from the figures given in the margin. Government are pleased to observe that the amenities provided in this Hill Station are securing general recognition and trust that this increase in popularity will be maintained and improved in coming years.

Year.		Visitors.
1923-24	...	... 558
1924-25	...	... 581
1925-26	...	... 592
1926-27	...	... 664
1927-28	...	... 947

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Mysore State Forces for the year 1927-28.

READ—

The Report of the Mysore State Forces for the year 1927-28, received with letter No. C. 213—28, dated 28th September 1928, from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.

ORDER NO. G. 6680—Mily. 204-28-3, DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1928.

Recorded.

2. Lt.-Col. C. R. H. P. Landon, C.B.E., D.S.O., continued in Command of the State Troops throughout the year. With a view to enable the Department to bestow

greater attention to the training of units, two Officers were appointed on the staff of the Chief Commandant and the post of the Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant was abolished.

3. The composition of the troops remained the same as in the previous year. The health of the troops and the sanitation of the lines was good.

4. There were no Courts-Martial and the discipline was satisfactory.

5. It is gratifying to note that officers and men deputed to attend the several courses of instructions in Saugor, Poona and Hyderabad returned after obtaining good certificates.

6. The total expenditure of the Department was Rs. 18,22,793 as against Rs. 17,56,569 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 1,44,221 was spent on Military Works including original works and repairs during the year, as against Rs. 97,960 in 1926-27. Much attention was paid towards the improvement of the sanitation of Barr Lines.

7. The Financial Branch of the Chief Commandant's Office was placed on a permanent footing and there was a local audit of the three Infantry Regiments, the Military Stores, Kunigal Stud Farm, Hessarghatta Grass Farm and the Government Stables.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Improvement to the Government Leper Asylum, Bangalore.

READ—

Letter No. G. C. 204-2, dated the 12th October 1928, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, submitting proposals for the Improvement of the Government Leper Asylum, Bangalore.

ORDER No. G. 6534-41—MED. 8-27-13, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 1928.

It having come to the notice of Government that certain villages of the Mandya and Malvalli Taluks contained cases of Leprosy of a comparatively recent origin, the Superintendent of the Leper Asylum, Bangalore, was deputed to conduct a Leprosy Survey of the two Taluks. As a result of the survey, the provisions of the Mysore Lepers Regulation were extended to the taluks of Mandya and Malvalli and proposals were called for providing additional accommodation in the Leper Asylum at Bangalore.

2. The Senior Surgeon has submitted the following proposals for the improvement of the Asylum:—

(a) *Improvement of Accommodation.*

		Rs.
Construction of a General Ward to accommodate 30 beds	..	9,350
Acquisition of the dry land to the west of the Asylum for extension	..	3,884
Construction of contact cubicles at Rs. 100 each ..	..	1,200
Total	..	14,434

Strengthening of the Establishment and the provision for accommodating more patients.

Staff:—

	From December 1928 to June 1929 Rs.
at Rs. 15 per mensem ..	.. 90
Boys at Rs. 16 each per mensem ..	.. 192
Rs. 13 per mensem ..	.. 78
Rs. 15 per mensem ..	.. 90
Total	.. 450

	Rs.
From December 1928 to June 1929	.. 2,760
Lumpsum per year ..	.. 500
mber 1928 to June 1929 ..	.. 430
Total	.. 3,690
Grand Total	.. 4,140

3. Government are pleased to accord sanction to the above proposals. A demand for a supplementary grant of Rs. 18,574 required for the purpose will be placed before the ensuing session of the Legislative Council.

4. The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, is requested to take immediate action to acquire the site to the west of the present Leper Asylum as per plan annexed. The provisions of Section 5A of the Land Acquisition Regulation need not be applied to this case. The Chief Engineer is requested to have the construction work put on hand as early as possible.

5. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, is requested to take necessary action to enforce the provisions of the Mysore Lepers Regulation in the Mandya and Malvalli Taluks starting with Bachenahalli in the latter Taluk, which is reported to be badly affected.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Orders the merging of the Railway and Education Cesses levied on items of excise revenue in the main revenue while making collections.

READ—

G. O. No. Fl. 9243-54—S. R. 145-06-1, dated 15th June 1907, directing that the separate levy of a local cess on certain items of excise revenue be abolished, the cess being merged in the main items and that 1/17th of the collections under them be credited to local funds, the adjustments of the contributions to Local Funds as above, being made quarterly by the Comptroller in communication with the Excise Commissioner and Presidents of District Boards.

2. Notification No. Fl. 6802—Ex. 59-26-4, dated 25th February 1927, directing that railway and education cesses should be levied as a distinct and additional impost at the rates prescribed on items of excise revenue.

3. G. O. No. Fl. 3082-93—Ex. 9-27-8, dated 25th October 1927, ordering the revision of the D. C. B. statement of excise revenue and the addition of a new Appendix "E" to the D. C. B. statements to be furnished by the District and Taluk Offices to show the Demand, Collection and Balance of Education and Railway Cesses levied on excise revenue.

4. Note No. 16, dated 17th August 1928, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, proposing for reasons stated that the Education and Railway Cesses levied on certain items of excise revenue ma[y] be added to the main excise revenue while making recoveries from the Excise Contractors, adjustme[nts] to the respective cess heads being made Districtwar in the Audit Office once a quarter.

5. U. O. Note No. 447, dated 24—26th September 1928, from the Comptroller to Gover[nment] agreeing with the proposals of the Excise Commissioner and stating that the adjustment will [be made] quarterly in his office as in the case of local cess on Excise Revenue and cesses on Fore[st] different fractions being adopted for the different districts in accordance with the rates of E[xcise] prevailing in them.

ORDER NO. FL. 3954-63—Ex. 132-27-2, DATED 29TH NOVEM[BER] 1ST DECEMBER 1928.

Government are pleased to direct that the revised procedur[e] Excise Commissioner and agreed to by the Comptroller be intro[duced] 1st January 1929. The Comptroller and the Excise Comm[issioner] issue in consultation with each other necessary subsidiary in[structions] of treasuries and departmental officers.

2. Appendix "E" to the D. C. B. statement pres[cribed] 3082-93—Ex., dated 25th October 1927 read above, for sh[owing] levied on Excise Revenue separately, will be cancelled.